BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 92-110-C - ORDER NO. 92-434

JUNE 11, 1992

IN RE: Commission Staff Request for Order) ORDER Promulgating Regulations of the Telecommunication Relay Service) REGULATIONS Advisory Committee.

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Commission Staff's request that the Commission promulgate the attached Regulations of the Telecommunication Relay Service Advisory Committee. The Commission Staff has notified the Commission that these regulations have been published in the State Register in compliance with provisions of S.C. Code Ann. \$1-23-110 (Supp. 1991). Further, although the Commission Staff provided for a comment period in its Notice of Public Hearing, the Commission Staff has notified the Commission that it has received no written comments regarding the proposed regulations.

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The Commission has reviewed the attached proposed regulations and finds that the regulations should be promulgated. Accordingly, the Commission hereby instructs the Commission Staff to submit the proposed regulations to the General Assembly for approval.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

VICE Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHAPTER 103

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: S.C. CODE ANN. SECTION 58-9-2540(B) (SUPP. 1991)

Synopsis:

These regulations set forth the guidelines, responsibilities, duties, and authority of the Commission's Telecommunication Relay Service Advisory Committee.

Text:

- 103-680. Role of the Advisory Committee. The Telecommunication Relay Service Advisory Committee shall monitor the establishment, administration, and promotion of the telecommunications relay service, and advise the Commission on ways the service may be enhanced to better meet the communication needs of the hearing and speech impaired.
- 103-681. The Advisory Committee shall be known as the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Advisory Committee.
- 103-682. Composition of the TRS Advisory Committee.
- 1. The TRS Advisory Committee shall be comprised of members from the agencies as designated by statute.
- The TRS Advisory Committee shall select a person from among its me wers to serve as chairman.
- 3. Members of the TRS Advisory Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission.
- 4. Members of the TRS Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation.
- 103-683. Meetings.
- 1. The TRS Advisory Committee shall meet no less than once per quarter. Other meetings shall be called at the discretion of the chairman.
- 2. Meetings shall be publicly noticed as far in advance as is practicable.
- 3. The chairman shall ensure that a qualified interpreter(s) is present at all called meetings.
- 103-684. Commission Approval.
- 1. The Commission anticipates that the TRS Advisory Committee shall make all decisions which are necessary to perform its functions as specified in 103-680. However, the Commission retains its right to review and approve the decisions of the TRS Advisory Committee.
- 2. The Commission Staff TRS Advisory Committee members, or any other committee members, may require that committee recommendations be approved by the Commission.
- 3. The Commission must approve any and all proposed expenditures from the operating fund.

Notice Of Public Hearing:

If requested in writing by May 25, 1992, the Commission may schedule a public hearing in which interested persons may express their views regarding these regulations. The Commission has tentatively scheduled a hearing for June 23, 1992, at 11:15 a.m. at the Offices of the Commission, 111 Doctors Circle, Columbia, South Carolina. Persons wishing to submit their views or request a hearing should address their comments to Charles W. Ballentine, Executive Director, Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Post Office Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement:

The Public Service Commission anticipates that neither the State nor its political subdivisions will incur any costs in complying with this proposed regulation. Costs incurred by the TRS Advisory Committee, as specified by the proposed regulation, will be borne by proceeds of the operating fund referred to in S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-2530 (Supp. 1991).